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B) USUN 5589

1. IN DECIPHERING REFTELS FROM USUN, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REFER TO ECOSOC DOCUMENT E/5587, DATED NOVEMBER 22, RECEIVED UNOFFICIALLY IN FAO ROME MORNING OF DECEMBER 3. E/5587 IS REPORT OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, AND USES DIFFERENT NUMBERING SYSTEM ON CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS THAN THAT USED IN FAO UN-OFFICIAL VERSION (CL 64/INF/12). SEQUENCE IS SAME THROUGH FIFTEEN RESOLUTIONS OF FORST COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AND FIRST THREE RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE TWO, WHICH ARE NUMBERS 16, 17, AND 18 IN E/5587. RESOLUTION NUMBER 19 IN E/5587, HOWEVER, IS FIRST RESOLUTION OF THIRD COMMITTEE. E/5587 THEN ADDS TWO RESOLUTIONS NOT CONTAINED IN FAO DOCUMENT, NUMBER 20 RECOMMEND-
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INGA UNGA AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVES, AND NUMBER 21, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ITALY AS HOST GOVERNMENT. RESOLUTION 4 OF SECOND COMMITTEE ON FOLLOW-UP ACTION IS GIVEN NUMBER 22 IN E/5587.

2. THIS INCIDENT IS RELEVANT TO ISSUE OF SECRETARIAT SUPPORT FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. UN SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TOOK WITH THEM TO GENEVA AND NEW YORK ALL TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS AS FINALLY ADOPTED. FAO COUNCIL SESSION WHICH OPENED NOVEMBER 18 AND WAS CHARGED WITH MANY FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS HAD NO TEXTS AT ALL UNTIL NOVEMBER 20, AND THEN HAD ONLY UNOFFICIAL TEXTS. DOCUMENT E/5587, ALTHOUGH ISSUED AT HALF-WAY POINT OF FAO COUNCIL, WAS NOT RECEIVED IN FAO UNTIL DECEMBER 3, AFTER FAO COUNCIL SESSION HAD CONCLUDED. ALTHOUGH THIS MAY SEEM MINOR MATTER, IT HAS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED EFFORTS OF FAO TO IMPLEMENT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE DECISIONS. THIS IS ONLY ONE OF MANY SUCH INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. UN SECRETARIAT OBVIOUSLY IS CONDITIONED TO SERVICING UNGA AND ECOSOC, AND CANNOT BE RELIED UPON TO GIVE SATISFACTORY ATTENTION TO REQUIREMENTS OF FAO AND WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. IF COUNCIL IS TO BE SEATED IN ROME AND SERVICED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF FAO, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT UN SECRETARIAT ROLE, IF ANY, BE PURELY NOMINAL AND NOT BE INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS OF ACTUAL SUPPORT OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.

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